



Contact: Natalia Neira  
Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition  
(954) 985-4416

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**LEADERS MEET TO DISCUSS THE DEPLOYMENT OF ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES IN FLORIDA**

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. – (December 12, 2017) – The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition, the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC), and Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) today hosted a Florida Electric School Bus Workshop and stakeholder meeting at the Florida Department of Transportation in Broward. The event focused on the deployment of electric school buses and supportive infrastructure in the region.

The stakeholder meeting included a presentation by Southeast Florida Clean Cities on the coalition's accomplishments to-date and upcoming projects for 2018. During the workshop, VEIC shared results from recent electric school bus deployment program pilots, shared best practices and explored how they can be applied in Florida. Presenters also highlighted the benefits of electric school bus technology, and shared opportunities with infrastructure, charging and utility partnerships. Workshop attendees also had the opportunity to see a Type-C electric school bus on display.

"At FPL, we operate one of the largest clean vehicle fleets in the country, helping reduce emissions, cut down fuel consumption and deliver savings to our customers," said Brian Hanrahan, director of Electric Vehicles and In-Home Technologies at FPL. "We're excited to join Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition and Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to host a workshop that will help advance the deployment of electric school buses in our state and extend the benefits of this technology."

Funding for this workshop was generously provided by the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO). The electric school bus display was sponsored by Florida Transportation Systems and eLion. Lunch was sponsored by Florida Transportation Systems, Inc, dealer for Blue Bird and Adomani buses.

**Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition**

The Clean Cities Program began in 1993 with the creation of the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition by executive order of the governor and the subsequent Clean Cities designation by the US Department of Energy. The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition, hosted by the South Florida Regional Council, is a public private partnership of individuals, companies, and government agencies committed to maximizing the use of vehicles operating on clean, alternative fuels. The role of the Coalition is to provide a fuel neutral policy direction that supports clean energy throughout the four-county region of Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach Counties. The region is home to almost 6 million people. For more information on the Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition, please visit [www.sefloridacleancities.org](http://www.sefloridacleancities.org)

**Vermont Energy Investment Corporation**

The Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to reducing the economic and environmental costs of energy use. VEIC is a national leader on electrified transportation including electric school bus technology. Currently, VEIC is managing a pilot implementation of three electric school buses in Massachusetts, providing the schools with technical assistance and guidance as they purchase buses, install charging equipment, and plan routes.

**Florida Power & Light Company**

Florida Power & Light Company is the third-largest electric utility in the United States, serving nearly 5 million customer accounts or an estimated 10 million people across nearly half of the state of Florida. FPL's typical 1,000-kWh residential customer bill is approximately 25 percent lower than the latest national average and, in 2016, was the lowest in Florida among reporting utilities for the seventh year in a row. FPL's service reliability is better than 99.98 percent, and its highly fuel-efficient power plant fleet is one of

the cleanest among all utilities nationwide. The company received the top ranking in the southern U.S. among large electric providers, according to the J.D. Power 2016 Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study<sup>SM</sup>, and was recognized in 2017 as one of the most trusted U.S. electric utilities by Market Strategies International. A leading Florida employer with approximately 8,900 employees, FPL is a subsidiary of Juno Beach, Florida-based NextEra Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NEE), a clean energy company widely recognized for its efforts in sustainability, ethics and diversity, and has been ranked No. 1 in the electric and gas utilities industry in Fortune's 2017 list of "World's Most Admired Companies." NextEra Energy is also the parent company of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, which, together with its affiliated entities, is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun. For more information about NextEra Energy companies, visit these websites: [www.NextEraEnergy.com](http://www.NextEraEnergy.com), [www.FPL.com](http://www.FPL.com), [www.NextEraEnergyResources.com](http://www.NextEraEnergyResources.com).

# # #